

SAFETY AND HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES

The following is a list of organizations and government agencies which are involved in safety and health. Brief descriptions of their responsibilities are included for your information.

1. American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH)
Kemper Woods Center
1330 Kemper Meadow Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45240
(513) 742-2020

Professional society of persons employed by official governmental units responsible for full-time programs of industrial hygiene. Devoted to the development of administrative and technical aspects of worker health protection.

2. American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)
2700 Prosperity Ave.
Suite 250
Fairfax, Virginia 22031
(703) 849-8888

Professional society of industrial hygienists. Promotes the study and control of environmental factors affecting the health and well-being of industrial workers.

3. American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
11 West 42nd Street
New York, New York 10038
(212) 354-3300

Serves as clearinghouse for nationally coordinated voluntary safety, engineering and industrial standards.

4. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)
100 Barr Harbor Drive
West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania 19428-2959
(610) 832-9500

Establishes voluntary consensus standards for materials, products, systems and services.

5. American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
345 East 47th Street
New York, New York 10017
(212) 705-7722

Conducts research; develops boiler, pressure vessel and power test codes. Sponsors American National Standards Institute in developing safety codes and standards for equipment.

6. American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)
1800 East Oakton Street
Des Plaines, Illinois 60016
(708) 692-4121

Professional society of safety engineers, safety directors and others concerned with accident prevention and safety programs.

7. American Welding Society (AWS)
Post Office Box 351040
550 LeJeune Road, N.W.
Miami, Florida 33135
(305) 443-9353

Professional engineering society in the field of welding. Sponsors seminars and conferences on welding.

8. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)
U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Statistics
2 Massachusetts Ave., N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20212
(202) 606-5886

Compiles and publishes statistics on occupational injuries and illnesses.

9. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP)
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
1600 Clifton Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30333
(404) 329-3311

Surveys national disease trends and epidemics and environmental health problems. Promotes national health education program. Administers block grants to states for preventive medicine and health services programs.

10. Compressed Gas Association (CGA)
1725 Jefferson Davis Highway
Suite 1004
Arlington, Virginia 22202
(703) 412-0900

Submits recommendations to appropriate government agencies to improve safety standards and methods of handling, transporting and storing gases. Acts as advisor to regulatory authorities and other agencies concerned with safe handling of compressed gases.

11. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
401 M Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460
(202) 382-4361

Administers federal environmental policies, research and regulations. Provides information on many environmental subjects including water pollution, hazardous and solid waste disposal, air and noise pollution, pesticides, and radiation.

12. Superintendent of Documents
U. S. Government Printing Office (GPO)
732 N. Capitol Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20402
(202) 783-3238

Prints, distributes, and sells selected publications of the U.S. Congress, government agencies, and executive departments.

13. Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)
U.S. Department of Labor
4015 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22203
(703) 235-1452

Administers and enforces the health and safety provisions of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977. Has a training facility in Beckley, West Virginia. (Mine Health and Safety Academy, Post Office box 1166, Beckley, West Virginia 25801)

14. National Audiovisual Center (NAC)/NTIS
5285 Port Royal Road
Springfield, Virginia 22161
(703) 487-4650

Serves as the central source for all federally produced audiovisual materials and makes them available to the public through information and distribution services.

The National Audiovisual Center (formerly at the National Archives and Records Administration) transferred to the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) on Oct. 1, 1994.

15. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
1 Batterymarch Park
Quincy, Massachusetts 02269
(800) 344-3555

Develops, publishes and disseminates standards, prepared by approximately 175 technical committees, intended to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and explosion.

16. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Publications Dissemination
4676 Columbia Parkway
Cincinnati, Ohio 45226
(800) 356-4674

Part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Supports and conducts research on occupational safety and health issues. Provides technical assistance and training. Develops recommendations for OSHA. Operates an occupational safety and health informational bibliographic data base.

17. National Institute of Standards and Technology
(formerly...National Bureau of Standards)
U.S. Department of Commerce
National Engineering Laboratory
Route I-270 and Quince Orchard Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899
(301) 921-3434

Develops engineering measurements, data and test methods. Produces the technical base for proposed engineering standards and code changes. Generates new engineering practices. Aids international competitiveness of small- and medium-sized companies and consortia through technology development and transfer programs.

18. National Institutes of Health (NIH)
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20205
(301) 496-5787

Supports and conducts biomedical research into the causes and prevention of diseases and furnishes information to health professionals and the public.

19. National Safety Council (NSC)
1121 Spring Lake Drive
Itasca, Illinois 60143-3201
(708) 285-1121

A voluntary, nongovernmental organization which promotes accident reduction by providing a forum for the exchange of safety and health ideas, techniques, experiences and accident prevention methods.

20. National Technical Information Service (NTIS)
U.S. Department of Commerce
5285 Port Royal Road
Springfield, Virginia 22161
(703) 487-4636

Distribution center that sells to the public government-funded research and development reports and other technical analyses prepared by federal agencies, their contractors, or grantees. Offers microfiche and computerized bibliography search services.

21. Occupational Safety and Health Administration
(OSHA) - National Office
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210
(202) 219-8151

Sets policy, develops programs and implements the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

22. Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (OSHRC)
1825 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 643-7943

Independent executive agency that adjudicates disputes between private employers and OSHA arising from citations of occupational safety and health standards.

23. Women's Occupational Health Resource Center
117 St. Johns Place
Brooklyn, New York 11217
(718) 230-8822

Acts as clearinghouse for women's occupational health and safety issues.

24. Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association (VPPPA)
7600-B Leesburg Pike, Suite 440
Falls Church, VA 22043

(703) 761-1146

FAX (703) 761-1148

A nonprofit organization which promotes safety, health, and environmental excellence. The VPPPA represents the work sites that have been approved, or are seeking approval, in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP). In addition, the VPPPA facilitates networking among VPP sites and other companies interested in learning more about these prestigious programs and better safety and health practices.